



SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 29, 1908.

Under the heading "A portentous outlook" the United Mine Workers Journal says:

No one able to read the signs of the times can fail to be impressed with the portentous features that loom up from all sides on the industrial horizon. It does seem that captains of industry are determined to force a crisis in the affairs of this nation. Those who look beneath the superficial will see in this an attempt to punish the laboring classes, thus striking President Roosevelt over their heads, in order to discredit his policy. If, in order that industry shall go on unchecked, the food-poisoners, the bank and railroad wreckers must be permitted to carry on their schemes unchecked and unopposed, that fact cannot be too quickly known. The ruthless reduction in wages, the provocative methods employed to exasperate workmen into strikes seem to point to the fact that we are approaching an industrial and political crisis.

The above words are ominous, and portend no good to the country. Labor and capital seem, unfortunately, to be moving farther and farther apart, and there is no telling what the end will be. The American Federation of Labor, however, will not take kindly to the movement inaugurated by the United Trades and Labor Council, of Cleveland, Ohio, to organize a political party in opposition to the present dominant parties in order to carry forward the programme of organized labor according to the assertion of Frank Morrison, secretary of the A. F. of L. Mr. Morrison, who is thoroughly conversant with the policies and doctrines of the organization, says that Mr. Gompers, who is in New York, has not been advised of the matter and that when it is brought to his attention he probably will disapprove such a project. Mr. Morrison says that the American Federation of Labor has no intention of assisting in a movement to perfect a political party. The United Trades and Labor Council, however, announced that if the A. F. of L. declined to consolidate with them in the movement it would call an extraordinary national convention on July 4.

CONGRESS has a scandal on its hands that may result in showing up the true inwardness of legislation where large interests are concerned. Congressman Lilley, of Connecticut, recently introduced a resolution for an investigation of the conduct of the Electric Boat Company of New Jersey and their predecessors, the Holland Boat Company, respecting the methods employed by said company in connection with past and proposed legislation before Congress. Mr. Lilley claims that "there are no tricks in the way of lobby work and influencing members that the Electric Boat Company are not adept in." Whether the Holland Electric Boat Company controlled or influenced the committee on naval affairs as Mr. Lilley charges should certainly be investigated and why the submarine boats of the octopus type were selected and a number recommended by the department was doubled is of importance. But of still greater public importance is to know if any Congressmen have been corruptly influenced. The republican leaders are said to be desirous of suppressing the investigation which would react upon republican prospects, but it would seem that publicity in the matter has gone too far for them to attempt to pigeon-hole the resolution.

AS STATED in yesterday's Gazette the Kentucky legislature on that day greatly to its shame elected a republican to represent that State in the United States Senate. The legislature is nominally democratic in both branches, but four members of the democratic party deserted and by joining the republicans overcame the wishes of a majority of the people of their State as expressed at the polls and put a republican in the seat in the Senate which, by all rights, belongs to a democrat. The four men who brought about this state of affairs should ever be held as traitors to their party and to their State. W. O. Bradley, who was chosen yesterday, is the second republican ever elected to the United States Senate from Kentucky.

HARDLY had the excitement incident to the murder of the King and Crown Prince of Portugal in Lisbon subsided when dispatches from Teheran announced the attempt by dynamite to kill the Shah of Persia. A dispatch from Buenos Ayres tells of a dynamite bomb being thrown yesterday against a carriage in which President Alcora was driving. Fortunately the bomb failed to explode. Assassins are becoming bolder every day, and their work is by no means confined to the old world.

BECAUSE he whistled "The Merry Widow" while on a Boston street Henry Schmalzreid was arrested yesterday. The policeman who made the arrest said in court that Schmalzreid showed "no technique and little regard for the laws of harmony," whereupon the magistrate fined him \$1.

THE anxiety of republicans for the laboring man is becoming more and more apparent as the election approaches, and even Senator Knox is running Senator LaFollette a close race with their employer's liability bills.

### From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, D. C., February 29. Further argument on behalf of the railroads petitioning for extension of time to which to comply with the provisions of the nine-hour law was made today before the Interstate Commerce Commission. All the testimony is now in, the three remaining cases being rushed through in the morning session. Approximately, fifty petitions have been received by the commission praying for extension of time. The commission is expected to render its decision by Monday. The law is to go into effect on Wednesday.

Speaker Cannon was made to feel quite keenly the power he wields as presiding officer of the House. Representative Sherman was in the chair temporarily today. Members near the republican cloak room were disturbing proceedings by their hilarity over one of Mr. Cannon's jokes. Sherman asked all members to cease conversation. The disturbance continued. He asked all to be seated. Mr. Cannon thought of another joke. "Will it be necessary for the chair to name gentlemen?" asked Sherman. "By jingo! Guess I'd better sit down," mumbled the Speaker and his crowd dropped to their seats like shot and a silence prevailed that would have been violently disturbed by the split of an infinitesimal.

The government presented one of its star witnesses today against the Standard Oil Company, in the person of Edward C. Armstrong, in the hearing now being conducted before Examiner Ferriss. Armstrong was formerly an employee of the Standard Oil Company, in what was known as the competitive department at Baltimore. Armstrong testified that he stole certain documents from the Standard Oil, which the government offered in evidence proving espionage over independent operations. "Did you think you were morally right and just in stealing these papers under your care?" asked Counsel Rosenthal, of the Standard. "According to the lessons I received in the Standard's employ, I believed it was morally right and just," replied the witness.

Having heard the Navy Department's side of the case, through Rear Admirals Converse and Capps the Senate naval committee today took the testimony of the officers who, by their lectures and published writings, are alleged to have given information to Henry Reuter, who made the basis for his article criticizing the construction of American battleships and other features.

Mr. Cannon, the powerful Speaker of the House, said today after leaving the White House that he "didn't know a damn thing" about the effort to secure the reduction or abolition of the duty on white paper, "and that he was sure there wasn't a damn thing pending in the House that had any bearing on the matter." The President pledged himself, before the beginning of the present session of Congress, to secure the abolition of the duty for the preservation of the forests which are being devastated by the paper pulp factories as well as for the interest of the newspapers of the country that are being robbed by the "paper trust." The standstillers, with the Speaker at their backs, bid fair now to outgeneral the President in the fight, for the end of the session is in sight and no trace of the desired legislation has passed over the hurdles.

Hearing was begun today by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the case brought by the lumbermen of the northwest against the transcontinental and Pacific railways. The case is based on a monster petition, signed by 43 lumber companies, naming 29 railroads as defendants to charges of conspiracy in a general movement to exact exorbitant freight charges. The lumbermen claim that the rates are from 3 to 12 cents per hundred weight in excess of an equitable charge for points inland and that, if forced to pay these rates, the entire industry will be jeopardized, if not destroyed.

All the port cities of the Pacific coast will have an opportunity of seeing the greatest fleet of war vessels assembled in Pacific waters, if the present plans of Secretary McCall are carried out. When Admiral Evans steers into Diego with his sixteen battleships and auxiliaries about April 20, he will probably be accompanied by several, if not all, of the vessels of the Pacific fleet. Slops will be made on the way up the coast at San Pedro, the port of Los Angeles, and at Santa Barbara. The great display, comprising 45 ships of war and a score of auxiliaries, will be made at San Francisco. The fleet will later visit the cities on the way north to Seattle.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Roosevelt will head the republican ticket this fall. With Roosevelt and Bryan heading the two tickets, we'll not have much to choose for President. They are very much alike." With these words Herman Rader, president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and of the New York Zeitung, sized up the political situation. He had just had a talk with the President.

Senator Martin, of Virginia, has introduced a bill for the construction of a direct road across the Potomac to Arlington and Fort Myer. The road is to go from the new Highway bridge across the river, thence to and through the reservation. It is to be not less than forty feet wide and macadamized for 24 feet. The bill is the one previously offered by Mr. Carlin in the House.

The remains of the late Crosby S. Noyes, editor of the Star, who died in Pasadena, Cal., were buried in Rock Creek Cemetery this afternoon. Services were held in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at 2 o'clock.

Representative Carlin introduced a bill on Wednesday for the deepening of the channel of the Upper Machadoc creek between Dinwiddie and Brick House wharf in King George's county so as to conform to the depth of the channel between those points.

Mrs. Malcomb Hinfy has abandoned her suit for support against her husband, who, it is said, has agreed to his wife's demand for \$100 a month.

The Harper's Ferry Lime Company, which operates lime kilns near Millville, Jefferson county, W. Va., made an assignment yesterday.

### News of the Day.

A bomb was thrown at the carriage of President Alcora, of Argentina, at Buenos Ayres, yesterday, but failed to explode.

Baroness Pauline Wallhofen-Luca, the famous Austrian singer, died in Vienna, yesterday, of cancer. She was born in 1841.

Edward Friedrich Droop, head of an old music house and a resident of Washington for fifty-one years, died at his home in this city yesterday afternoon, aged 71 years.

A patent office examiner, a Philadelphia lawyer and a York (Pa.) inventor have been indicted yesterday with patent frauds involving electric patents valued at \$5,000,000.

The women's enfranchisement bill passed its first reading in the British House of Commons yesterday by 271 to 92. The suffragettes went wild when they learned the news.

"Thomas A. Edison is out of danger, the crisis is past and his early recovery is expected," was the bulletin issued from the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, in New York, today.

J. Ogden Armour, President of Armour & Co., will be elected a director of the Illinois Central Monday when the delayed stockholders meeting is held in Chicago. He will succeed Snyresant Fish.

Capt. Elijah Frank Lambert, who had been acting as first mate of the iceboat Latrobe, dropped dead shortly after 6 o'clock last night while at the wheel of that vessel off Cut-off channel near Baltimore.

It is said that Rev. William Mercer Grosvenor, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York city, will succeed the Rt. Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, who died in Washington last Saturday morning as bishop of Washington.

In the presence of 200 Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. Margaret J. Henson Davis Hayes, of Colorado Springs, yesterday unveiled two windows placed in the Episcopal Church at Bixby, Mass., to the memory of Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Miss Winnie Davis.

Thousands turned out to do honor to the memory of Father Leo Heinrichs, the priest slain by an anarchist in Denver, whose body arrived at Paterson, N. J. today. It is expected that thousands more will march past the coffin when the corpse is placed on view tomorrow in St. Bonaventure Church.

Mrs. J. C. Spire, wife of a farmer living near North Baltimore, Ohio, killed three of her children yesterday, fatally wounded a fourth, and then killed herself by taking carbolic acid, shooting, and cutting her throat. One of the children was drowned in a well and the others were shot and their throats cut.

Reports from the Rosita Mine explosion, near Uquiza, Mexico, say there has been a large loss of life. Some reports place the loss of life at from forty to ninety. The mine is owned by the Monterey Steel Company, and ordinarily employs a force of 250 miners, mostly Japanese and Mexican. The federal government has charge of the situation.

A dispatch from Nome, Alaska, says the frame of a giant mastodon has been found imbedded in the ground at Kobuk river. Parts of the skeleton visible above ground show that it will measure forty feet or more in length. The skeleton will be taken to Seattle. Government officials are preparing to unearth another enormous fossil, traces of which have been found.

Yesterday's issue of the Commonwealth contains William J. Bryan's reply to the letter sent him by James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, bearing on the question of the safety of the banks. Mr. Bryan says, as he understands it, Forgan objects to a government guarantee because it puts all banks on an equality. This, he declares, is selfish and unfair.

A woman and her three children were burned to death in Pittsburgh early today in a fire which destroyed a boarding house. Many other had narrow escapes from suffocation. The husband of one of the victims jumped from a second-story window and has not been seen since. The fire started from an overturned lamp exploding in a room where a card game was in progress.

### Sixtieth Congress.

Washington, Feb. 29.

#### SENATE.

The Senate was not in session today having adjourned yesterday till Monday.

#### HOUSE.

A favorable report on the Fowler financial bill was made to the House today by the committee on banking and currency. Mr. Prince (rep. Ill.), who presented the report in the absence of Chairman Fowler, asked that the minority in the committee be given 10 days to file a report.

#### JUDGE WILFLEY.

The President yesterday received the defense of Judge L. R. Wilfley—who is sitting on the bench of the Consular Court at Shanghai, China, and against whom charges have been filed. It is understood that Secretary Root has advised the President to exonerate Wilfley and send him back to his court. Judge Wilfley called at the White House during the Cabinet meeting but did not see the President.

"It is merely the dying gasp of an old regime," said Judge Wilfley. "The lawyers whom I have disbarred from my court are merely trying to get even. When I took charge of the court I found a set of grafters and rascals in charge of the situation. They believed that all they could make by swindling and robbing was theirs by rights and I simply cleaned them out."

#### THE FLEET.

The last mail they will receive before the American battleship fleet sails today for Callao, Peru, was delivered to the officers and men of the visiting armada yesterday. Nearly 175,000 pieces of mail were handled. A half dozen launches carried them to the various ships.

Several of the officers caught in Wednesday's landslide near the highest point reached by the Orya Railroad are still suffering from their experience.

Considerable uneasiness has been caused by the persistence of Admiral Evans' rheumatic attack. He was unable to attend the banquet on the Connecticut last night in President Pardo's honor and Admiral Thomas presided in his place.

### Virginia News.

Colonel Meade Haskins died at his home at Blackstone Thursday night.

Mrs. Sarah Powell, of Spotsylvania county, died at her home on Wednesday, aged ninety-three. Her husband served in the revolutionary war.

The engagement is announced of Miss Virginia Asquith Klossan, of Warrenton, to Mr. Frank Arthur Robison, of Portland, Maine.

L. P. Summers, republican collector of internal revenue for the western district, although summoned in the Rhea case refused to come to Richmond until the meeting of the republican committee of which he was a member. He never reported to any officer of the assembly that he was ready to testify and was never discharged by the committee, but he did apply to the clerk of the Senate for his mileage and per diem.

A republican county mass meeting was held in Culpeper yesterday. S. Diener acted as chairman, and T. J. Egghorn served as secretary. Delegates were chosen to the district convention to meet at Alexandria, March 9, to select delegates to the republican national convention. To the State convention to meet in Lynchburg, April 8, delegates are also chosen. The resolutions adopted endorsed the administration of affairs by President Roosevelt, also the work of State Chairman C. Bassom Slemper for the party. A resolution was unanimously adopted favoring the selection of S. Diener as a delegate to the national convention at Chicago.

### The Legislature.

#### SENATE.

The Senate yesterday passed the House bill to establish a board of charities and corrections, to consist of five persons appointed by the Governor. The members of the board serve without compensation, though the bill carries an appropriation of \$5,000 to cover expenses and the salary of a secretary.

The Byrd liquor law, has been practically agreed to in the Senate, and the bill is to pass today. The Senate put in several amendments, none of which are much more severe than the original bill. The measure will now go back to the House.

House bill providing for the establishment of a Board of Charities and Corrections, was passed. The appropriation had been cut down from \$7,500 to \$5,000 by the House.

#### HOUSE.

The House yesterday finally adopted the general appropriation bill. The bill as recommended by the finance committee is backed by many amendments. Any person who informs on any person in Virginia who sells intoxicants illegally will, if the person so selling is convicted, receive half the fines in the case. A bill to this effect passed the House yesterday.

The time limit of the general assembly is Saturday of next week. It is not expected that the body will be in session right up to the midnight hour. It is not expected that the legislature will really adjourn before the week following. After March 7 the members will serve without pay.

The House passed the following bills: Prohibiting the sale of wines, spirits and malt liquors in local option districts.

To regulate the employment of children in factories, workshops, mercantile establishments and mines in this commonwealth, and to prescribe penalties for violations of such regulations. To prevent the manufacture or sale of adulterated misbranded, poisonous, or deleterious foods or liquors, and to repeal an act to prevent the sale of adulterated and misbranded food in the State of Virginia, approved February 27, 1900.

Providing for the funeral expenses of Confederate soldiers or widows who are now, or heretofore may be, enrolled on the pension roll of this commonwealth. To make an appropriation to provide for the erection of a monument on the battlefield of Gettysburg, Pa., to commemorate the services of Virginia troops in the battle on that field.

To authorize the supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a special levy for the support and maintenance of maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of the Confederate soldiers, in their respective counties and cities.

To incorporate the town of Haymarket, in Prince William county.

To incorporate the town of Clarendon Heights, in the county of Alexandria.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently but promptly on the bowels. It stops the cough by soothing the throat and lung irritation. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co.

### THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The Governor has transmitted a message to the General Assembly, containing the report of the Virginia Commission to the Jamestown Exposition. The Governor recommended that the Virginia Jamestown Exposition Company be authorized to sell, at the best price obtainable, the Virginia Building and furniture and the lot upon which it is situated, the money derived from the sale to be used to pay any indebtedness which may exist against the Virginia commission to the exposition, the residue to be used for installing in Richmond the very valuable mineral exhibit presented to the State by the Virginia Mineral and Timber Exhibition Association. The commission also has a very valuable collection of fish, game and other exhibits to turn over to the State.

#### Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

[From the Chicago Tribune.] "Don't triffl with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well-established ripe cold is the germ of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

### Today's Telegraphic News.

#### The Fleet.

Callao, Peru, Feb. 29.—The United States battleship squadron sailed from Callao harbor for Magdalena bay at 10:30 a. m. today. The vessels passed out to sea in single file, each thundering the salute of twenty-one guns as it drew alongside the Peruvian cruiser from which President Pardo reviewed them at the harbor entrance. It is expected the run to Magdalena bay will take about a fortnight.

Callao, Peru, Feb. 29.—The American battleship fleet was ready long before dawn for its departure from Callao.

Neither officers nor men spent many hours in their bunks during the night. The festivities on the flagship continued until 12, and after that hour there were still many details of the final work of preparation to be attended to.

Both among the officers and in the crews there is beginning to be much speculation concerning the fleets ultimate destination. The consensus of opinion seems to be that about six weeks will be spent on the coast and that all the ships not destined for permanent service in Philippine waters will then return to Hampton Roads by way of the Suez canal.

President Pardo, of Peru, expressed the utmost delight at his reception on the flagship last night. He especially enjoyed his visit to Rear Admiral Evans' quarters, the latter being kept to his room with rheumatism.

The President's answer to the admiral's thanks for the fleet's royal entertainment at Callao and Lima was as warm as words could make it and the Peruvian executive and American naval commander parted with the most cordial expressions of mutual good will.

From the deck of the flagship the President later signalled his compliments to the other war craft. He landed at midnight to be ready for the review of the fleet on its departure from Callao harbor today.

More than 700 Peruvians attended the reception on the Connecticut during the afternoon and evening. Many also paid visits to friends among the officers on the other ships.

It is expected the armada will reach Magdalena Bay March 14 or possibly March 13, a day ahead of its schedule.

#### China and Japan.

Pekin, Feb. 29.—Yesterday's rumors that Japanese war vessels are on their way to enforce a demand for the surrender of the Tatsu Maru, seized by China on the ground that it was smuggling arms to Chinese revolutionaries, now simmer down to an order from Tokio to the commander of the cruiser Izumi to hasten from Shanghai to Hong Kong to investigate the case.

Even this move is accepted here, however, as amounting to a demonstration against the seizure and the Japanese foreign office's denial that it has anything of the kind in mind is taken as merely perfunctory.

Tokio, Feb. 29.—Japan has issued no ultimatum to China concerning the latter's seizure of the Japanese steamship Tatsu Maru with a cargo of arms off Macao, and the sailing of the cruiser Izumi from Shanghai for Hong Kong is not intended as a threat, according to high officials of the foreign office here.

Nevertheless the government does not pretend that it will not resort to force if necessary to secure compliance with its demand for the release of the steamship, indemnity and an apology. The Chinese request that the affair be submitted to a mixed court has been refused unless preceded by compliance with these terms.

The foreign office believes China will yield, however. Unofficial advice from Peking are that the Japanese flag has already been restored to the Tatsu Maru. The Portuguese minister at Peking supports Foreign Minister Hayashi's claim that the vessel cleared regularly from Kobe with a consignment of arms, not for Chinese rebels but for a Portuguese merchant of Macao, and that the seizure was in Portuguese waters.

#### Examination of Bomb-thrower.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Feb. 29.—Solano Regis, the half-blood, who threw a bomb at President J. Figueroa Alcora as the latter alighted from his carriage in front of his residence early last night, is being examined by a commission of alienists today.

Though it is believed he will be found insane, the police think it possible anarchists may have taken advantage of his mental infirmity to use him as a tool in an assassination plot. He is being closely questioned to determine whether there is ground for this suspicion, but thus far sticks to his original story that he had no accomplices.

The other men arrested immediately following Regis' attempt are held pending the result of the would-be assassin examination. Their identity has not yet been fully established, and there is no case against them beyond the suspicious manner in which they were lurking about the President's home. That the bomb failed to explode is attributed to its construction. It was made from a paint can, but the nature of the explosive it contained has not been definitely determined owing to the difficulty of handling it safely.

Alcora was a marvel of coolness, turning after he had kicked the bomb to a distance, to reason with Regis, to whom he was talking when the aide-de-camp, Captain Anabias, seized the man.

#### Thaw Now Willing for Separation?

New York, Feb. 29.—That Harry Thaw, who has hitherto insisted that he will not hear of a divorce or annulment of his marriage unless Evelyn herself tells him she desires it, is now willing to acquiesce in proceedings for a separation is asserted by a New York afternoon paper today.

Messages from Pittsburgh today say Harry Thaw has refused to pay the attorneys' fees and other expenses of his last trial or to make any settlement at present upon his wife. "I made no bargain to be sent to Mattawan," he is quoted as having said, "and no lawyer will get any money from me until I get out. I bargained to be acquitted—not to be sent to an asylum."

For Rheumatic Sufferers. The quick relief from pain afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, lame back, lumbago, and deep seated and muscular pains. For sale by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

#### The Market.

Georgetown D. C., Feb. 29.—Wheat 90-97.

### Parkhurst on Saloons.

New York, Feb. 29.—"If the people demand it, saloons should be allowed to sell liquor on Sunday." This statement, attributed to the Rev. Chas. H. Parkhurst in an interview today, has already stirred up the greatest interest among church people. It promises to make more trouble for Dr. Parkhurst before the remark is forgotten, as several ministers have intimated their intention to preach on the subject tomorrow.

Dr. Parkhurst, who is pastor of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, is quoted with the unusual remark in an interview on prohibition in which he voiced some sentiments not in the customary vein of prohibition advocates.

"While I will not say prohibition by statute is impossible," the interview continues, "I do know that no prohibition statute enacted in the past has actually prohibited the traffic in liquor."

"The logical step for prohibitionists in New York State is to bend their energies to enforce laws already on the statute books and which are not now enforced."

"If the community demands an open Sunday, I would even favor this. But let the laws be enforced, whatever they may be, for if laws mildly restricting the sale of liquor do not have public sentiment behind them, there is a small chance that an absolutely prohibitory law would receive the endorsement of the people, which is essential to its enforcement."

### The Attempt on the Shah's Life.

Teheran, Feb. 29.—Several persons suspected of complicity in yesterday's plot to blow up the Shah with a bomb were arrested today. The police will give out no information, but it is rumored that one or two of the prisoners are men of high rank.

Much apprehension exists that the attempted assassination marks a renewal of the troubles which recently convulsed Persia, a result of the liberal resistance of the Shah's efforts to override the constitution granted by his predecessor.

Though the ruler has ostensibly acquiesced in a constitutional government, many of his subjects think he still plans a return to absolutism at the first favorable opportunity. Besides the three members of the Shah's suite killed and the twenty-one wounded by the bombs, it is now learned that a dozen or more persons in the crowd of spectators which lined the street were wounded by shots the guard fired into the throng directly after the explosions.

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 29.—Another bomb was exploded in a secluded street here today and two persons were killed. The outrage is not yet fully explained, but is believed to have been accidental, the bomb having probably been intended for use elsewhere.

### Explosion and Fire.

New York, Feb. 29.—Hundreds of families were forced to move into the street by a fire which followed an explosion at the National Sulphur Works today, burying twelve men in the ruins. The explosion occurred in the grinding room on the second floor, and a portion of the roof was blown off and landed on a passing coal cart, burying the horse and driver.

The injured were rescued from the burning building and taken to the Williamsburg Hospital, nearly suffocated by the choking fumes of the sulphur, and it is thought one will die.

The fire completely demolished the two-story brick house and besides destroyed hundreds of tons of sulphur. One of the walls was rent for twenty feet, and at one time threatened to fall. An estimate places the damage at \$100,000.

### A Bryan Rally.

Boston, Feb. 29.—Prominent democratic leaders from all the New England States met today in Faneuil hall to attend the meeting of the New England Progressive League. The gathering was unqualifiedly a Bryan rally and the speeches teemed with praise of the Nebraska statesman. Col. Alexander Troupe, of New Haven, who made the principal address of the day, openly voiced the purpose of the meeting when he said the object of the united democrats of New England was to arrange to send a solid New England delegation instructed for Bryan to the Denver convention. Other speakers voiced the same sentiment and explained steps being taken in their respective States to accomplish this purpose.

### Approached King's Carriage.

Madrid, Feb. 29.—Except that their prisoner is a dangerous anarchist, the police refuse to give out a word concerning the man arrested last Sunday night for approaching King Alfonso as the latter's carriage pulled up at the Comedia Theatre. There is no doubt, however, that they think he was plotting the king's assassination. The case has been kept so quiet that it is only within a few hours that it has been possible to account for the arrest.

### New York Stock Market.

New York, Feb. 29.—The character of the news and street rumors this morning hastened the regular week-end settlements by the room traders. On their somewhat hurried selling prices a number of the active issues sustained declines of one point or more during the first hour. The changes in most of the inactive stocks were irregular, generally in the shape of fractional declines.

### Mine Disaster in Mexico.

Sabins, Coahuila, Mex., Feb. 29.—Seventy-six persons were killed outright and there is little hope of rescuing the two hundred other miners who were imprisoned when fire damp exploded in Monterey Steel Company's mine at La Rosita Thursday. Because of the gases the government authorities who have the rescue work in charge have been unable to enter the mine.

### Japanese and Indians Fight.

Mexico, Feb. 29.—Three Japanese and a considerably larger number of Indians are reported dead following a fight between the Mikado's subjects employed on La Martine's Las Milpa hacienda and a band of Yucatec. The Japanese numbered only twenty and the Indians more than 100, but the latter were beaten off after a desperate battle.

### Killed in Duel.

Beattyville, Ky., Feb. 29.—A telephone message received here today says that John Hamilton and a man named Bowles, were instantly killed and Geo. Frazier and Richard Spicer were seriously wounded in a pistol duel on R-33 Creek last night. The trouble came up over the children of the parties.

### Boston Woman Killed.

Los Angeles, Feb. 29.—Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes, a wealthy Boston tourist, a member of the Eastern Star, was shot and killed early this morning in her luxurious apartments by W. P. McComas, a well-known local mining engineer and a Shriner. McComas announced the crime to the police and said the woman attempted to throw sulphuric acid at him. He declared he shot in self-defense. The bullets entered the woman's heart.

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